

BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY) DOCKET NO.
(Ameritech Illinois) and) 02-0782
CHOCTAW COMMUNICATIONS, L.C.)
d/b/a SMOKE SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS)
Joint Petition for Approval of)
Negotiated Interconnection)
Agreement dated September 17,)
2002, pursuant to 47 U.S.C.)
Section 252.)

Springfield, Illinois
February 4, 2003

Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:00 A.M.

BEFORE:

MR. JOHN ALBERS, Administrative Law Judge

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(None)

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PROCEEDINGS

JUDGE ALBERS: By the authority vested in me by the Illinois Commerce Commission, I now call Docket Numbers 02-0782 and 02-0789. Docket 02-0782 concerns a joint petition filed by Illinois Bell Telephone Company and Choctaw Communications, L.C., doing business as Smoke Signal Communications, and Docket Number 02-0789 concerns a joint petition filed by Illinois Bell Telephone Company and Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc.. in both dockets the Joint Petitioners seek approval of interconnection agreements. These dockets are not consolidated and merely are being called together for purposes of judicial efficiency this morning.

May I have the appearances for the record, and please indicate which dockets you are entering your appearance in.

MR. HUTTENHOWER: James Huttenhower, H-U-T-T-E-N-H-O-W-E-R, appearing on behalf of Illinois Bell Telephone, 225 West Randolph Street, Suite 25D, Chicago, 60606. I'm appearing in both 02-0782 and 02-0789.

1 MR. WEGING: This is James Wearing, W-E-G-I-N-G,
2 appearing for Commission Staff, 160 North La Salle
3 Street, Suite C-800, Chicago, Illinois 60601,
4 (312)793-2877, and I'm appearing in both dockets,
5 02-0782 and 02-0789.

6 MR. NOWALSKY: This is Leon Nowalsky. I'm an
7 attorney for Smoke Signal Communications. My
8 address is 3500 North Causway Boulevard, Suite 1442,
9 that's in Metairie, Louisiana 70002, and I am
10 appearing in Docket 02-0782.

11 MR. HOLT: This is Jerry Holt. I'm CEO of
12 Midwestern Telecommunications, 4749 Lincoln Mall
13 Drive, Suite 600, Matteson, Illinois 60443. My
14 e-mail address is jerry.holt@midwestern.Net, and I
15 do not mind being served by e-mail. I'm appearing
16 on behalf of Midwestern in Docket 02-0789.

17 MR. NOWALSKY: This is Leon Nowalsky. I'm
18 going to interject here. My e-mail address is
19 lnowalsky@nbglaw.com, and I also do not mind being
20 served through e-mail.

21 JUDGE ALBERS: Mr. Nowalsky, could you please
22 spell through your e-mail address?

1 MR. NOWALSKY: Yes. It's lnowalsky@nbglaw.com.

2 JUDGE ALBERS: Was that n as in Nancy?

3 MR. NOWALSKY: N as in Nancy, b as in boy, g as
4 in girl.

5 JUDGE ALBERS: Okay. Thank you.

6 Let the record reflect that there are no others
7 wishing to enter an appearance.

8 The last time we met Mr. Huttenhower was
9 awaiting or at least was going to be sending off and
10 be waiting for the return from Choctaw and
11 Midwestern signed petitions and amendment documents.
12 Mr. Huttenhower, can you please update the record on
13 where things stand with that?

14 MR. HUTTENHOWER: As of this morning we had not
15 received anything back yet from Midwestern, and we
16 had received from Choctaw a signed amendment but not
17 the accompanying petition.

18 JUDGE ALBERS: Thank you. And then,
19 Mr. Nowalsky and Mr. Holt, I understand then from
20 what you said prior to going on the record that you
21 intend to FedEx the necessary signed documents by
22 overnight mail today. Is that correct?

1 MR. NOWALSKY: Yes, it is.

2 MR. HOLT: Yes, it is.

3 JUDGE ALBERS: And so Mr. Huttenhower should
4 receive those tomorrow?

5 MR. HUTTENHOWER: Actually they should send
6 them to our contract management group which is
7 probably -- whose address is probably on the
8 paperwork they got.

9 JUDGE ALBERS: Okay.

10 MR. HOLT: Is that the Dallas address?

11 MR. HUTTENHOWER: Yes.

12 JUDGE ALBERS: And so either way though,
13 Mr. Huttenhower, when did you expect to hopefully be
14 able to file something before the Commission?

15 MR. HUTTENHOWER: I would hope then within two
16 days or so of receiving -- of the folks in Dallas
17 receiving the material from the two companies.

18 JUDGE ALBERS: So potentially Monday?

19 MR. HUTTENHOWER: Yes, by Monday.

20 JUDGE ALBERS: Okay. We also talked about
21 continuing these matters to February 11th at 10:00
22 a.m., and I believe everyone indicated they were all

1 right with that date and time. Hopefully we'll have
2 the necessary documents on file with the Commission
3 and we will be able to conclude these matters.

4 I'll just note again for the record that the
5 deadline for Choctaw is February 23rd and the
6 deadline for Midwestern is February 24th, and the
7 last Commission meeting before those dates is
8 February 20th, so it is very important that we have
9 everything wrapped up by next week so I can get
10 these to the Commission.

11 Does anyone have any other questions or
12 concerns?

13 MR. WEGING: This is Jim Wearing. Mr. Law
14 Judge, I think the record should reflect that the
15 parties have agreed to notice through the e-Docket
16 system on these cases. The two individual
17 petitioners indicated, but I think Mr. Huttenhower
18 and I are both in agreement too that we would get
19 e-Docket notices; e-mail notices rather.

20 JUDGE ALBERS: Okay.

21 MR. HUTTENHOWER: That's correct.

22 JUDGE ALBERS: Thank you.

1 And I also note then that when the new dockets
2 are filed, and I believe everyone agrees with this,
3 that I'll set them for the same date and time as
4 these two dockets are being continued.

5 MR. WEGING: This is Jim Weging. Yes.

6 MR. HUTTENHOWER: Jim Huttenhower; it's fine
7 with me.

8 JUDGE ALBERS: Okay. Any other questions or
9 comments? Hearing none, then both of these matters
10 are continued to February 11th at 10:00 a.m.

11 (Whereupon the case was continued to
12 February 11, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in
13 Springfield, Illinois.)

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